

Christian Education Issue



At the Blue Mountain College library, potentially the knowledge of the world is at hand, as it is in the other Mississippi Baptist higher education programs. But also at hand is the potential for service to God and the knowledge that leads to it.

This issue of the Baptist Record is dedicated to espousing that potential for service and to acknowledge the work and dedication of these institutions. (Photo by Greg Cooper)

BMC looks toward 110th session with enthusiasm

By Melba Heard

It is with great enthusiasm that students, faculty and staff members look to the 110th annual session at Blue Mountain College. President E. Harold Fisher announced that dorms will open Sunday, August 29 at 1 p.m. with orientation for new and transferring students the following day. Registration will be August 31 with classes beginning September 1.

The admissions office has expanded its staff during 1982 to include three new members, two of which are Blue Mountain graduates. Miss Rachel May serves as a full time admissions counselor. She is a 1976 graduate of BMC and holds a master's degree in special education from the University

of Mississippi. Mrs. Pamela Baker Drake of West Memphis, Ark., also joined the staff as a contact counselor in the Memphis area. Mrs. Drake graduated from BMC in 1972. Mrs. Linda Hurt brings expertise to the office as the office manager and joined the staff in September, 1981.

Many innovations have been used in the recruitment efforts of the admissions office this year. Luncheons were given on campus for high school guidance counselors in an effort to expand relationships and update counselors on current opportunities at BMC. "The Second Century" ensemble greatly assisted in portraying the image of BMC through numerous concerts and special programs in churches, and high schools, and for civic clubs. The group also appeared on the WTVA's-TV-Tupelo, "Morning" show and completed a 10 day performance tour of four southern states in May.

Special opportunities for prospective students to visit the campus will once again be offered in the coming year. Preview Days, High School Weekend and individually planned campus visits have always been most helpful to students seeking information about Blue Mountain. Students are welcome to visit the campus at any time. More information may be obtained by writing or calling the Admissions Office, Blue Mountain College, telephone (601) 685-4771.

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BSU at BMC offers unlimited activities

By Susan Washburn

The opportunities for participation in the Baptist Student Union's activities at BMC are limitless. To recap some of the past year's activities, Susan Puckett, BSU director, stated, "Every month of the year was filled with a generous schedule." In August students attended Student Week at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in Gorieta, New Mexico. Fifty-nine students registered at the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention in Columbus, in September, and the BSU Mime Team presented the theme interpretation for the convention.

The BSU fall retreat was held at Wall Doxey State Park with 35 in attendance. Also in October, Mission Emphasis Week was presented on campus with speakers: Lloyd Lun-

ceford, associate director, Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Jerry Jones from the Foreign Mission Board; and Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, a BMC alumnae, now a missionary to Liberia.

The January emphasis was "Created Female," a seminar for female students featuring speakers: Mrs. Nan Sugg, missionary to Taiwan, and Jeanette Phillips of the University of Mississippi. "Mission Possible," a seminar for male students, was also presented with John Armistead, pastor, Calvary, Tupelo; Rob Sugg, former BSU director at BMC, missionary to Taiwan; and Mike Burczynski,

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Enrollment holds steady at William Carey College

By Donna Wheeler

William Carey College will open its doors to new and returning students Sunday afternoon, August 29, at 1 p.m., on the Hattiesburg campus.

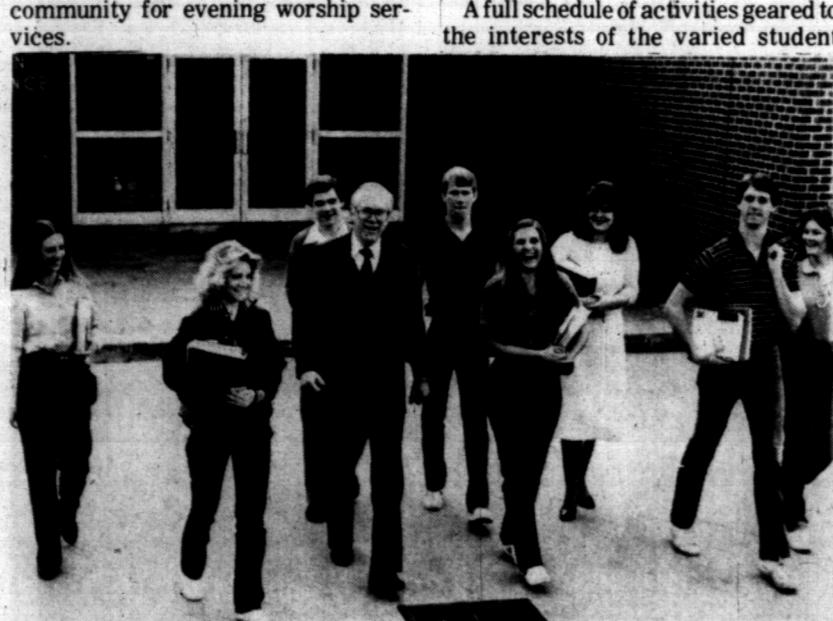
Carey, like all other private colleges, is keenly aware of the impact cutbacks of financial aid programs will have on students who desire to attend one of our Baptist colleges.

Special efforts have been made by the College to find alternative means of assisting students. Head-count enrollment during the fall semesters has exceeded 2,500 for the past two years.

It is expected that this same head-count enrollment will be maintained in this fall semester.

New students and their parents will be welcomed to the college by faculty and administration at a reception to be held at Sunday afternoon in Wilkes Dining Hall.

At 4:30, students will have their first meal on the Carey campus and will then be encouraged to attend one of the many churches in the Hattiesburg community for evening worship services.



Milton Wheeler, academic vice president at William Carey, leaves with a group of honors students after an Honors Forum. This fall, the Forum, always popular with the 40 students in the Honors Program, will be open to the general public.

population is planned. Special activities bringing together faculty, administration and students, have been scheduled throughout the first few weeks of school to give the students a chance to become better acquainted

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MBMC offers medical, Christian education

By Laura Lowe

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center offers quality education in a Christian environment for students in medical fields. The largest general hospital in the state, MBMC is associated with four health-related schools: Medical Technology, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapy and Practical Nursing.

MBMC offers clinical training for registered nurses from various colleges and universities throughout the state.

Also, residents from the University School of Medicine do rotations at MBMC. These programs prepare students for professions which involve special skills and aptitudes, and all play an important role in health care.

"The schools affiliated with MBMC give students the opportunity to work not only with fine educators, but with leading physicians and expert allied health clinicians," said Paul Pryor, MBMC executive director. "The programs offer good clinical experience resulting in valuable 'hands on' knowledge. There are excellent career opportunities in these fields which provide the tremendous sense of service that comes from helping others."

The field of Medical Technology is the branch of medicine that is responsible for the performance of laboratory determinations and analyses that the physician uses to aid in diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health. Applicants to MBMC's School of Medical Technology may already have a bac-

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Annual Fund aids MC as session 157 begins

By Norman Gough

Mississippi College—a \$10.4 million business—initiates its 157th academic session on Aug. 21 basking in the fact that it has just passed another milestone in its long and fruitful history.

Thanks to some 3,498 Annual Fund gifts which added almost \$1.5 million

to the coffers, Mississippi College had its best year in its fund-raising history. The interest, concern, and sacrifice of individuals from all segments of society enabled the college to complete its 50th consecutive year of operation in the black.

"I suppose the bottom line in evaluating the integrity of an institution is fiscal responsibility," said Lewis Nobles, president, in his year-end letter to donors. Celebrating the "GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY" of fiscal stability is indeed a milestone for any institution and the envy of many.

With alumni participation in the Annual Fund rising from 11 percent to 26 percent this past year, the outlook is optimistic despite trying economic times generally.

And it is with the same optimism that the College faces the 157th academic session.

"With the imprint of success firmly entrenched in its service to Mississippi Baptists and others who have attended here, we anticipate another banner year during 1982-83," said Buddy Wagner, newly named dean of admissions and a 1969 alumnus.

"We have had a steady stream of applications coming in daily and cancellations have been below previous years," reported Wagner, "indicating the seriousness our students exercise in their selection of a college."

The Admissions Office report for the period ending July 30 disclosed that 590 undergraduate applications had been received, with 340 of these being freshmen students, 203 transfers from other institutions, 40 readmissions, and seven applying for non-degree programs.

With an increase in offerings in the Graduate School and Special Programs and a substantial increase in applications for the School of Law, college officials are predicting that overall enrollment for the upcoming 12-month session could very well eclipse this past year's figure.

Wagner voices encouragement over the quality of students who have filed applications for admission to Mississippi College for the upcoming session.

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Financial aid is important to most students entering college. Mississippi College is fortunate in getting financial assistance from a number of sources. Mrs. Joan Dambrino (left), administrative assistant for financial aids, assists Johnny Hal Booth of Clinton in filling out forms for financial assistance for the upcoming school year.

Clarke College future called brightest ever

By Dow Ford

On August 21, Clarke College opens its doors to new and transfer students and thus begins its 74th session in Newton. There has never been a brighter time in the history of the small Southern Baptist school.

Many of the plans that were envisioned by administrators following the merger of Clarke with Mississippi College have become reality, and as a result, the college has become stronger, more financially stable, and has reached out to more students.

In terms of programs and services rendered Clarke has expanded its academic and athletic programs, increased the support of student organizations, and evidenced a new com-

mitment to missions through the BSU.

Clarke has long had a reputation for excellence in training people for missions and church-related vocations.

The Baptist Student Union, under the direction of J. B. Costilow, is responsible for fostering the kind of campus environment that encourages involvement in mission work.

On campus ministries include Bible studies, "Singspiration," and special chapel services. Moving off campus, the BSU sponsors a nursing home ministry, a ministry to an Indian mission, and "Youth Teams," an organization of Clarke students who lead weekend revivals in churches across the state.

Each fall a weekend retreat is planned to encourage students to better get to know themselves, their friends, and their God. Camp Lake Forest at Macon will be the setting for the retreat on August 27-29.

A special Lottie Moon Offering time at Christmas is a focal point of the year. Perhaps the fondest memories alumni hold at Clarke is of the special spirit that grows during this time. Many of the BSU-sponsored summer missionaries reflect that this was the time they made their decisions about serving.

Other student organizations active on the campus include Baptist Young Women, Clarke Ministerial Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Church Music organizations.

The addition of upper division work

by Mississippi College in several areas has led to considerable expansion of the academic program at Clarke. For the first time since the merger there is a senior class on campus. Presently upper division work is offered in music, English, elementary education, history, and religion. The greatest number of upper division students are religion majors with elementary education a close second.

Several new faculty members have been hired to begin the new year.

Patricia Denson Kirby from Newton has accepted the newly created position of chairperson of the department of education. Mrs. Kirby holds the B.S. and doctor of education degree from USM where she has been an assistant professor in the department of education.

Ted Harmon Wilson has accepted a teaching position in the department of science. He holds the bachelor of science degree from Wayland Baptist Church, Wayland, Tex., and the master's degree from Baylor University. He and his wife, Paulette, will be the resident couple in the men's dormitory, Huddleston Hall.

Michael Sandlin has been hired as an instructor in physical education. Sandlin holds an undergraduate degree from Livingston University and the master of education degree from the University of Arkansas. Sandlin comes to Clarke from Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he has been employed with

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Alford; Lu Harding, MBMC assistant administrator; Frieda Howard; Lynn Hilsen; and Becky Smith. From left to right standing are Linda Turley; Melissa Hux; Cirie Redd; Kathy Bearden, MBMC director of student activities; Joe Barnes; and Karen Wolverton, president.

50 consecutive years in the black

Annual Fund aids MC as session 157 begins

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"A quick survey of our incoming freshmen discloses they have an average of 21 on the ACT tests, placing them well above the national average and considerably above the average for the state of Mississippi," says Wagner.

In addition to new and expanded programs on the Clinton and Jackson campuses, additional courses are also planned for Clarke College, a division of Mississippi College located in Newton. Mississippi College merged with Clarke, traditionally a junior college, this past year and began offering third year courses and many special programs on the campus there.

Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs, said third year courses will again be offered on the Clarke campus in the areas of religion, English, history, music, and education. He praised the success of a week-long Bible-Preaching Institute held on the Clarke campus during the summer with Ray Frank Robbins and G. Earl Quinn, two noted Bible scholars, serving as leaders.

Martin said that the Mississippi College teacher education program will also be extended to the Clarke campus, with Patsy Kirby, a newcomer to the faculty, serving as coordinator. Plans also call for offering three nights of

graduate education on the Clarke campus with the courses to be offered determined by the needs of individuals living in the greater Newton area.

Increased offerings on the Clinton campus were made available this past year. The bachelor of science degree in special education, the master of science in home economics, an evening program in nursing, and the math and computing science major are all new programs. A new Career Challenge program is being launched this fall for working adults in the downtown Jackson area.

There were in excess of 4,000 students enrolled at Mississippi College during the 12-month 1981-82 session. The college granted 406 diplomas at its May graduation and another 91 at its summer commencement, swelling the alumni ranks by almost 500 individuals.

More than 50 percent of the graduating seniors indicated plans for graduate or professional school this fall. Of the 25 graduates in the Division of Religion, 21 have been admitted to a seminary this fall. Sixteen recent graduates have been admitted to medical school, five to dental school and two to medical technology schools.

More than 95 percent of those who enter graduate or professional schools following graduation complete the

graduate or professional program. Graduates of the Mississippi College School of Law set the highest pass rate in the history of the Mississippi State Bar Association this past February with 88 percent pass rate.

Seventeen Mississippi College students were named to serve as summer missionaries in 13 states, Singapore, and Spain during the summer vacation. Numerous others served in places of leadership in various churches and campgrounds throughout the country.

Orientation

The 157th academic session will officially open on Saturday, Aug. 21, as new students report in for an orientation program signaling the 132nd year of the college as an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The orientation registration will begin at 1 p.m. in Provine Chapel on campus, with Tom Washburn, associate dean of student affairs and director of student activities, in charge.

The afternoon session will begin with an opening convocation with parents and students beginning at 1:30 p.m., followed by academic advising of students under the direction of Phil McCarty, professor of religious education. Also included will be informational talks on the business office; The Trading Post, the campus book and

supply center; and the post office.

While the students are starting orientation, the parents will be honored at a reception from 2:30-5 p.m. in the TV Lounge near the Westend of the B. C. Rogers Student Center. The parents will be guests of the college as they enjoy dinner with the new colleagues in the college cafeteria starting at 5 p.m.

After dinner the students will attend an evening session entitled "Life On A College Campus." This session is designed to acquaint the new students with what they can expect as collegians. There will also be an introduction of student leaders, an orientation overview, and a movie on the patio of the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

Sunday will be devoted to church services at the various churches located throughout the greater Clinton-Jackson area. The students will be urged to attend the services of their choice.

From 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday the Lewis Nobles, president and first lady, will welcome the newcomers with an "Open House" in their home. Special services and a fellowship are planned for the First Baptist Church of Clinton on Sunday night.

Orientation will continue on Monday at 9 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium with an opening session for freshmen and transfers entitled "What College Life Is All About." This will be followed by academic advising and class scheduling for all new students. Academic advising will continue throughout the afternoon, concluding with a social on the patio of the Student Center at which time the Baptist Student Union leadership will be introduced.

Registration

Freshmen will meet for a general session at 8 a.m. on Tuesday in Nelson Auditorium, while at 9 a.m. transfer students will begin the registration procedure in the Student Center. At 1 p.m. freshmen will begin the actual registration process, reporting in time segments alphabetically according to the first letter of their last name. The schedule will be: A-G, from 1-2 p.m.; H-P, from 2-3 p.m.; and Q-Z, from 3-4 p.m. All registration is in the Student Center.

To close out the Tuesday agenda there will be a party for transfer students beginning at 7 p.m. on the Student Center patio under sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 9 a.m. according to the following schedule:

SENIORS—A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11 a.m.; JUNIORS—A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; SOPHOMORES—A-L, 2:30-3 p.m.; M-Z, 3:30 p.m.

Graduate and undergraduate students attending Evening School only will register in the Student Center on Monday, Aug. 22, from 5-7 p.m. Necessary forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to reporting for registration. Evening School registration is also scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 25, and Tuesday, Aug. 31, from 5-7 p.m. each night.

Fall registration for the School of Law is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 19, with students reporting from 1:30-4:30 p.m. for advisement from faculty

members at the School of Law facilities located at 151 East Griffith Street in downtown Jackson. Registration is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. with classes to begin on Monday, Aug. 23.

All graduate and undergraduate classes will begin on the regular schedule on Thursday, Aug. 26. Classes will not meet on Monday, Sept. 6, because of the Labor Day holiday.

All new students will have the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other and with the College family in general during a variety of activities planned throughout the first few weeks of school. Students, faculty and administration will all be involved.

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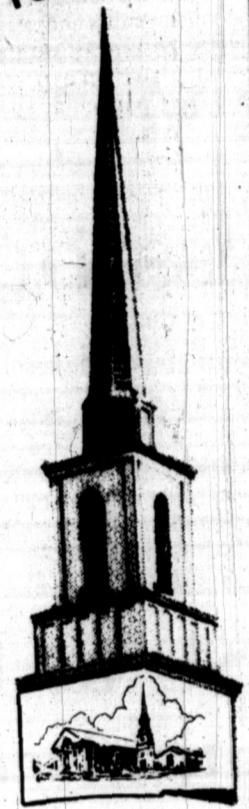
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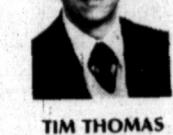
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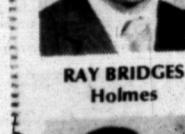
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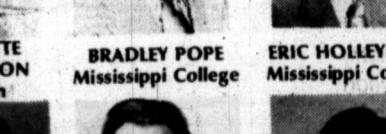
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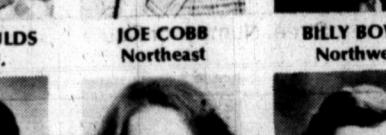
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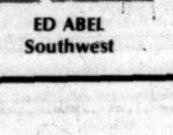
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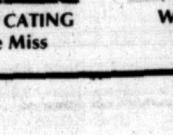
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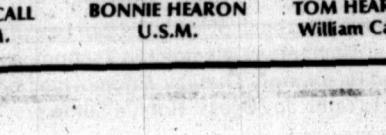
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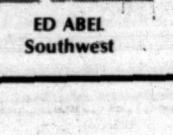
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BMC: "a special place for special people"



Blue Mountain College is a liberal arts college, dedicated to the development of young people in this endeavor of study, but BMC is also about the art of developing special people. All students are special at BMC, but three students attending the summer session expressed their feelings on how BMC has helped them to develop their particular special interest.



Wanda McCoy of Ripley, Miss.

"Now that I think about it, I guess I have always had this interest in art tucked away inside me. My problem was I never had a chance to study art in school nor the encouragement to pursue it on my own.

When I started to school at Blue Mountain I was majoring to be in elementary education. After taking a few art courses along with my other courses, I began to find many new worlds in my art and that I enjoyed it very much. The enthusiasm and dedication I found in

my teachers has contributed greatly to my interest and development in art."

Wanda not only is a gifted artist, but is also an exceptional business enthusiast with expertise in this field.

Blue Mountain College is striving to develop the special talents of the students who chose to pursue their education at this institution, for it truly is "a special place for special people."

Cliff Foster of Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

"Athletics is a vital part of my life at Blue Mountain College. I decided to attend Blue Mountain College upon being offered a basketball scholarship to play for the BMC Toppers. We have had a very young team, but this year fans will see a much more experienced team. Women students interested in participating in athletics other than intercollegiate basketball and softball, find that Blue Mountain also offers an intramural program with competition between the societies. Basketball, volleyball, swimming, tennis, badminton, ping pong, and track and field are offered in the program. Every student has ample opportunity to be involved in athletics at BMC and most students take advantage of the opportunities whether for competition, fun and fellowship, staying in shape or just a love for the sports."

A junior majoring in Physical Education with a minor in music and psychology, Cliff Foster is an example of the well rounded BMC student who can successfully combine a love for sports with academic achievement and a feel for the arts. During her first two years playing for the Toppers, Cliff received distinguished awards for most assists and the best free throw percentage.



Paige Bonds of Memphis, Tennessee.

A senior at Blue Mountain College, Paige, has learned the importance of striving for her goals. Her love for speech and drama and a desire to pursue a career in communications has prompted Paige to participate in many speech and drama activities, but she is also a very gifted vocalist. This talent was demonstrated during the 1981 Miss Blue Mountain College pageant when Paige was crowned Miss BMC.

"I have learned the importance of setting and striving for my goals. BMC has taught me that I may attain them if I am prepared."

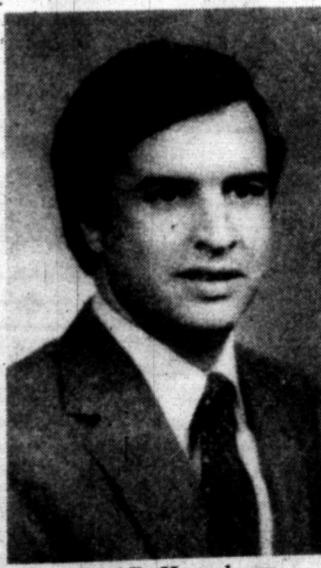


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Blue Mountain launches eighties forward fund

By Laura Fisher, president

Student Body

The students at Blue Mountain College have been given the privilege of governing themselves through an effective student government association. The purpose of the organization is three-fold: to maintain the high standards of honor in every phase of college life, to train the students in the practices and principles of self-government, and to maintain the best ideals of the college. The cornerstone is honor. Honor and integrity are basic threads which determine the quality of life and the quality of our student government association. We believe that a community of mutual trust and respect is essential if each member is to reach her maximum potential. In maintaining the best ideals of the college we are focusing on the Christian experience, for a Christian institution gains its strength from the Christian commitment. The development of each of us as students depends upon the activities and opportunities which are provided for us. The activities this year will contribute to and maintain the best ideals of the college as well as the best ideals of the Christian growth of the students. We look forward to another good year and thank Mississippi Baptists for helping to provide a Christian educational environment for us at Blue Mountain College.



Staff Changes

William Dennis Lollar has accepted pastorate of Arcola Church, Washington County. He was ordained Aug. 1 by First, Greenville. He was formerly area sales manager for McRae's. He plans to enter seminary in the near future.

David Howell became pastor of Rome Church in July. He received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in May.

Paul Stevens has resigned as director of field education, continuing education, and the doctor of ministry degree programs at New Orleans Seminary, effective Aug. 31. He leaves to assume the pastorate of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Stevens is a native of Fulton, Miss. He was a graduate of distinction at Mississippi College and earned both bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Stevens was director of Christian Training at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., before going to New Orleans Seminary as assistant director of field education in 1971.

Earlier this year he was chosen to direct the continuing education and doctor of ministry programs.

Let others praise you. You have other things to do.

Building on the success of the first phase of the Second Century capital campaign, Blue Mountain College has launched the second phase—The Eighties Forward Fund.

The ideal addressed by both these campaigns is the concept that everything in a church-related college situation should magnify the Christian commitment. Blue Mountain College, therefore, is compelled to provide the very best in materials, the best learning atmosphere, and a wide range of courses.

Among the most pressing needs of the college which have been identified as objectives to be achieved in the Eighties Forward Fund campaign, are auditorium renovation and restoration, library additions and improvements, and program expansion in the business department.

Among the major items in the renovation of the auditorium are a new sound and lighting system, new seats, and new heating and cooling. Renovation of this facility will greatly benefit the students who use the auditorium daily for chapel, practice, and group meetings.

To update the library as a learning center, the college plans improvements which include shelving, carpet in reference areas, suspended ceiling in the basement, and sealing and floor covering in the basement. With the completion of a successful campaign, Blue Mountain intends to add 5,000 volumes to its library collection.

The third item of need is a program in the business area for women. The college wishes to establish courses in accounting, management, and administration. Campaign funds will be used to purchase equipment and

Stanfield retires

V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary for 23 years, is retiring. But he says he plans to continue short term preaching and teaching assignments. He and his wife, the former Verna Oden of Hattiesburg, plan to settle in the Hattiesburg-Laurel area.

Stanfield began his service with New Orleans Seminary in 1959, coming to that position from a similar one at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

employ an additional staff member.

The wide participation by loyal friends and alumnae who have already contributed generously of their time and support ensures that the Eighties

Forward Fund will be a great success. The faculty and staff members of the college have also pledged full support of the campaign by 100% participation and over \$50,000 contributed.



Bible-preaching institute

Participants at a summer Bible-preaching institute at Clarke College listen as a theology professor presents material on "Colossians: Exegesis and Preaching." About 30 registered for this first such institute, which Mississippi College officials hope may become an annual event. Mississippi College sponsored the institute, which was held on the Clarke campus. Instructors were Jack Glaze, head of the religion department at MC; Ray Robbins, a member of the religion faculty at MC; and Earl Guinn, former president of Louisiana College.

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Editorials . . .

The pluses of Christian education

The first attempts at education in the United States were made primarily by private and religious groups. Thus Christian education has a long history of contributions to the American way of life.

Following the Revolutionary War, the idea of tax-supported colleges and other schools was proposed and adopted. It may be the case that initially the public schools somewhat resembled the religious schools, for that was the only pattern available at the time. Gradually, however, the public schools have shed more and more of their sectarian propensities as our society has become more and more pluralistic. Because of that, there are many who are more favorable toward private, religious schools than toward the public schools, particularly in the elementary and secondary stages.

This is not an attempt, however, to discuss the pros or cons of whether there should be private, religious schools, to offer competition to the public schools. It is an attempt to call attention to the many fine qualities

that are to be found in Christian higher education and to call attention to the benefits that are to be gained from such an education.

It goes without saying, almost, that the person who plans to enter some phase of a Christian vocation would find it very profitable to pursue his undergraduate education at a Christian college. That is not to say that a quality education is not to be found at a tax-supported college. The quality of the education process at such colleges is not to be surpassed. It is to point out, however, that the Christian college has much more to offer the Christian vocational student that will be of greater value to him in his career than does the tax-supported college. This is particularly the case in Baptist ranks, where Baptist-supported colleges are decidedly oriented toward providing an education for those who have felt the Lord's call into vocational ministries.

In Mississippi, of course, we have three first-rate Baptist colleges with campuses in five locations, we have

nursing schools operated by Mississippi College in Jackson and by William Carey College in New Orleans, and we have other higher educational possibilities being offered by the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

For the benefit of any reader who might not be aware of the circumstances, the largest of our colleges is Mississippi College, with its main campus in Clinton. Mississippi College operates an accredited law school in Jackson and also is now the parent institution of an accredited junior college, Clarke College, in Newton. Also through the facilities being made available by Mississippi College, some upper class courses are being offered at Clarke College along with courses for adults who might not have had the opportunity of college-type work before.

Another multi-campus institution is William Carey College, named for the father of the modern missions movement, with its main campus in Hattiesburg. The school also maintains a campus on the coast at Gulfport,

where a full-scale curriculum is being offered.

Our other four-year school is Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain.

But what about the student who does not plan to enter a church-related vocation? Is there something of added benefit for him in Baptist higher education? Without question, there is.

Once again it must be acknowledged that the tax-supported schools can match the Baptist school item for item in the area of education for the sake of education; and that is not where the benefit of the Christian education lies. It is to be found in atmosphere, in Christian witnessing, in the influence that is to be seen on the part of Christian faculty members, in the Christianity that is exhibited on the part of fellow students, in curriculum aspects that are tailored for Christian education, and in the efforts and influence of the churches near the campuses that are directing much of their energies toward ministering to the students.

These are pluses that add a great deal to the education process.

Guest opinion . . .

Gifts that nourish

By Joe Tuten, chairman
Education Commission
Mississippi Baptist Convention

The Bible records that wise men brought gifts to Christ.

I have been reflecting upon the fact that our support, as Mississippi Baptist people, of our Baptist colleges to this state are gifts that we, too, bring to Christ. Not to his manger, of course! But to him in his Spirit, because we worship him and are interested in the growth of his kingdom and his rule in the lives of people.

One very obvious gift that we bring is our tithes and offerings. We give to our church each Sunday. Our church, then, gives to, or through, the Cooperative Program each month. And a part of that Cooperative Program gift goes to each of our Baptist colleges in Mississippi. If our state convention budget

is met this year, we will give \$3,044,000 to our colleges. Our gifts help keep the cost to students down. The current tuition costs at two other church-related colleges in Jackson range from \$95 to \$135 per semester hour. The tuition costs at our Baptist colleges in Mississippi are \$75 and less per semester hour. Our offering plate dollars and our Cooperative Program gifts make the difference.

Another gift that we bring is our sons and daughters. I was reading yesterday the church bulletin from the First Baptist Church of Biloxi, where my friend, Frank Gunn, is pastor. He was reminiscing a bit in his pastor's column. He met his wife at Mississippi College. Now, his daughter, Alicia, has gotten married, and she met her husband at Mississippi College.

And all of them are so committed

and dedicated to the work of the Kingdom—Frank and Sandra as pastor and pastor's wife in Biloxi for ten years, and Jeff and Alicia as staff members at Raymond Baptist Church. How amazing! Thank God for college presidents, teachers, and administration persons who love our Lord and His Kingdom. There is something very wonderful that comes back to us when we give our sons and daughters to a Christ-centered educational venture such as four years at a Baptist college!

Another gift that we bring is our prayers. We may be a bit neglectful in this gift. I am privately embarrassed at times when I realize how long it has been since I prayed, or led in worship prayer, for our Baptist colleges. Not so for our missionaries and even our sister churches who usually are worshipping at the same time our church is

worshipping! Yet so many of tomorrow's missionaries and tomorrow's leaders in our churches are today right there on our Baptist college campuses. They need our prayers. Their teachers need our prayers. Those fine deacons who serve as presidents need our prayers.

These gifts made from a pure heart, I believe, are gifts to our Lord. They nourish those who are of, and that which pertains to his Kingdom. They are our expressions of faith, hope, and love. The last part of Second Corinthians 9:7 can be translated, "For God loves a hilarious giver." I would like to be a hilarious giver to our Baptist colleges and Christ-centered higher education in Mississippi. If I could be a really faithful and hilarious giver, the words of William Carey would ring in my soul when he said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God."

Bangkok, Thailand—In a recent 12-month period, 386 people accepted Christ as their savior after seeing a Christian film from the Thailand Baptist mass communications film library. An additional 91 dedicated themselves in some way during film programs. Records indicate films were shown more than 1,100 times during the year.

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Blue Mountain accepts financial aid challenge

By Melba Heard

Everywhere students turn these days the headlines seem to constantly remind them of the uncertainty of student financial aid for the future. Financial aid seems to be on the budget cut chopping block. Students and parents have many questions regarding college financing, but seem to get few answers.

At Blue Mountain College it is also a time of concern for both school administration and students, but rather than time for panic, it has been a time for planning. In anticipating some of the problems associated with student aid for 1982-83, the administration began careful planning in the fall of 1981 to implement a program to keep students informed and updated on developments in financial aid throughout the year.

Students were made aware of urgent deadline dates for applying for federal aid and scholarships and follow up was done to ensure proper completion of forms to avoid delay in processing of aid applications. The planning has proven successful for BMC students. Financial aid awards were made to students in mid-July enabling them to properly plan for financing in the fall.

In addition to informing students, a campaign was implemented by the fi-

nancial aid office to inform political representatives of the importance of providing continued aid to BMC students. Letters from students, parents, faculty and staff members, phone calls, and personal contacts with political representatives were used to demonstrate the concern of the academic community for continued support from elected officials for student financial aid.

Blue Mountain College is meeting the challenge by establishing new and expanded programs to assist students and parents with college financing. Some of the programs include a deferred payment plan for parents, an expanded scholarship program, and a broadened college work program for students.

Providing students financial assistance will, indeed, be an even greater challenge each year, but Blue Mountain College has accepted the challenge and is dedicated to making even greater positive steps toward assistance for our students as they continue their education.

He who governed the world before I was born shall take care of it likewise when I am dead. My part is to improve the present moment.—John Wesley.

MBMC offers medical, Christian education

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Finally trained to assist a radiologist in radiological (commonly known as x-ray) procedures. He or she is invaluable in the technological aspects which add in the diagnosis and treatment of the patients. The applicant must have a strong math background and have scored 15 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old and have a high school education or the equivalent. After passing the registry exam at graduation the new graduate receives the title RT (ARRT). This means he or she is a radiologic technologist with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Respiratory Therapy is an allied health specialty which is concerned with the treatment, management control and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with respiration. Entrance into the school, which is affiliated with Hinds Junior College, requires a high school education or the equivalent. The applicant must have an ACT score of at least 15 and must have scored at least 15 on the math section of the ACT. He or she must also achieve a select test score for respiratory therapists on the general aptitude test battery administered by the State Employment Service.

Nurses are, of course, an essential part of the health team, too. The Practical Nursing program, located at MBMC, is affiliated with Hinds Junior College. This is a one-year program for interested people with ages ranging from 19 to 55 with a high school education or the equivalent. To be eligible for admission, one must have acceptable scores on a nursing aptitude test administered by the State

Employment Service. Program graduates write an examination administered by the State Board of Nurse Examiners. Other nursing students seeking a two-year (degree) at Hinds Junior College also do part of their clinical training at MBMC.

To acquaint the public with these schools, MBMC hosts at least two Health Career Days a year for ages ranging from juniors in high school to adults who wish to change careers. A Health Career Day has been scheduled for late October and will be publicized in the late part of September.

Since the phasing out of the Gilroy School of Nursing in 1971, MBMC has offered affiliations to nursing students from several colleges and universities who are seeking to secure their clinical instruction. Students from Mississippi College, along with their clinical instructor, are assigned to MBMC during various rotations throughout the year, as are students from the University Medical Center and other schools of nursing in the state.

In another on-going program of long standing, MBMC has the opportunity to participate in medical education through affiliations in specialty areas at the University Schools of Medicine. MBMC presently has medical residents affiliating in medicine, surgery, and orthopedics.

In addition to the educational programs and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. MBMC's Director of Student Activities, Kathy Bearden, takes a strong interest in the students and their education.

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MBMC's Religious Emphasis Week. At Christmastime the students will carol throughout the hospital. "This was so successful last year that we even sang Easter carols to the patients at Easter time," Miss Bearden remarked.

"We're in the process, right now, of organizing a Christian medical fellowship with students from MBMC and other medical schools," Miss Bearden mentioned. "Dr. Beverly Smith, obstetrician-gynecologist on MBMC's staff, is helping organize the fellowship which will be backed by BSU. Through this new fellowship we will be stressing missions. We'll be sharing how God calls medical people to His service.

"This is what we've planned right now," Miss Bearden explained. "We will continue to plan activities throughout the year. I know this is going to be an exciting year!"

For more information concerning MBMC's health-related schools, contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, Miss., 39201.

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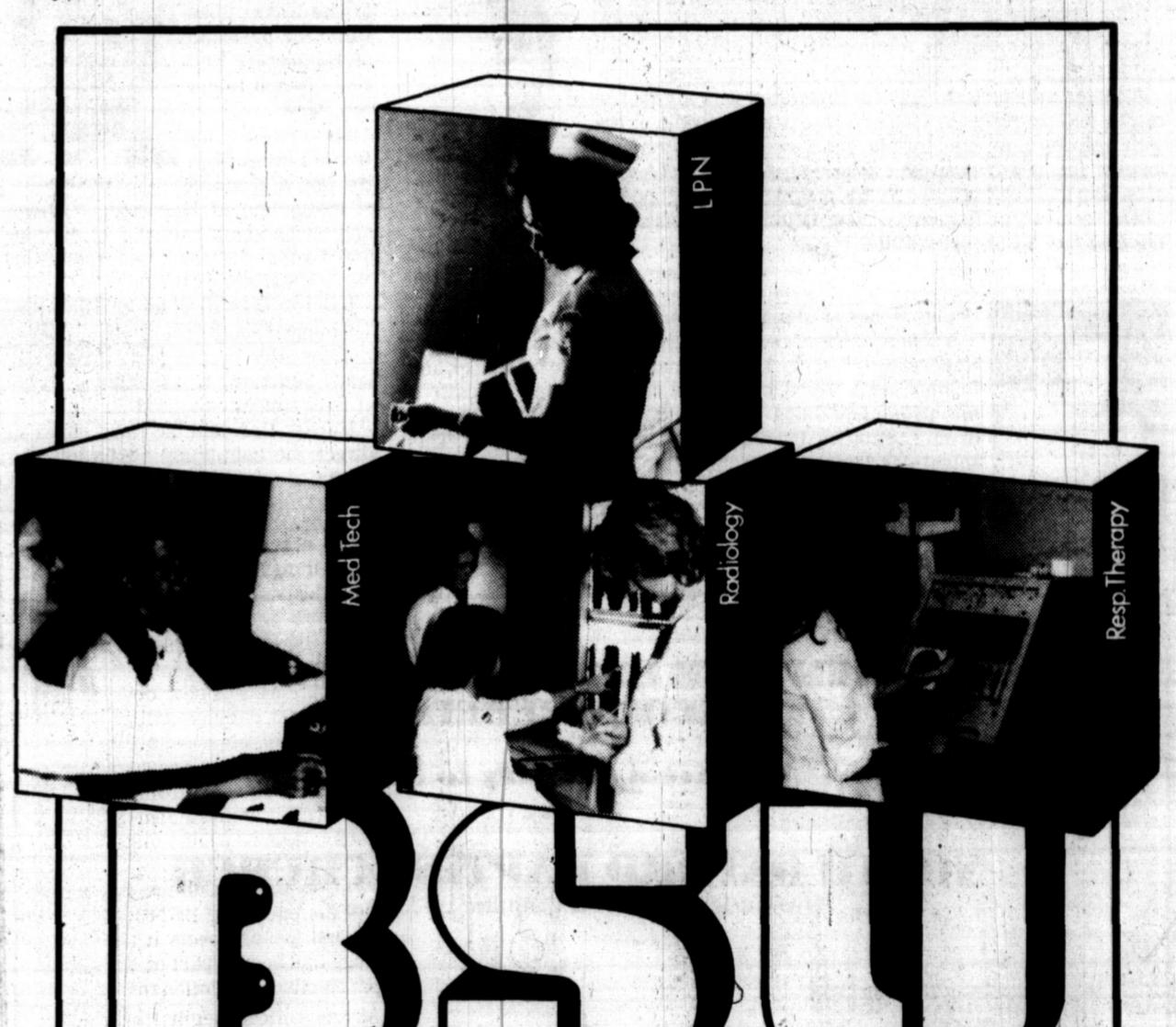
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Clarke College future called brightest ever

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the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority.

Serving on an adjunct basis for the new year are Mrs. Terry Sharp of Newton, Ron Kirkland of Bay Springs, and Terry Cherry of Scooba. Mrs. Sharp, who, with her husband, directs the Newton Learning Resource Center, is a psychometrist and will be teaching psychology. Kirkland, pastor of Bay Springs Baptist Church, will be teaching in the religion department. Cherry holds an undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and a masters degree from Mississippi College and will be teaching art.

Graduate work is also available at Clarke through Mississippi College and interest is growing steadily in graduate classes.

While the academic program has been expanded to include new offerings and programs, student activities and services have also increased to strengthen the total program of the

college.

A notable expansion has been made in the athletic program at Clarke. Men's basketball which was reestablished in 1981-82, brought a new spirit to the college. The team was supported well by students and faculty and was competitive with the schools they played.

Tom Prather, Panther coach, expressed his appreciation of the support of the students and faculty by saying, "At a small school like Clarke there is a special feeling of support. All the students know each other so well that there is seldom that distinction of athlete and non-athlete."

Prather will also coach women's basketball which will get underway this year. He stated, "We've been very fortunate to recruit some top quality players for our women's program. I think the best thing about them is that every one of them wants to come to Clarke not just to play basketball, but because of what Clarke stands for."

As a member of the National Junior

College Athletic Association, Clarke competes against state and private junior colleges in Region 23.

Joe Gibbon heads the baseball program at Clarke. Gibbon, a veteran of 13 years of professional baseball, has shaped Clarke baseball into a first-rate program which will schedule approximately 45 games in the spring of 1983.

Gibson stated, "We've signed about 17 freshmen baseball players, several state all stars, and we plan to work hard all year to get ready for spring."

Plans are made to establish a varsity tennis team by the spring of 1983. Also, approval has been given to build a new softball field and work has begun. A soccer field, begun in the spring of 1982, should be ready for intramural football and soccer by late fall.

Development has not been limited to the athletic department alone. The Clarke College choir participated in a ten day tour which took them as far south as Orlando, Fla. They spread the gospel in song to churches in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

In an article in *The Baptist Record* of August 6, 1981, the following statement was made about Clarke, "Gradually, what emerges is the picture of a college in East Central Mississippi that is large enough to meet the needs of freshmen, sophomore, and upper division students as well as the needs of professionals in the community. It will be a college centered around the belief that education from the Christian perspective is the only kind of education that prepares one for life. This belief should be practiced in the classroom, on the athletic field and in the dormitory." Today, more than a year later, Clarke College has made giant strides toward these worthwhile goals. There is little need to doubt God's direction in the life of Clarke College, little need to wonder why many say that Clarke now faces its brightest days ever.



Clarke College Panthers

BSU at BMC offers unlimited activities

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pastor, Tate Street, Corinth, presenting the program.

In February students attended the Student Missions Conference at the New Orleans Seminary, and in March Spring Holidays found many BMC students involved in mission trips to Logan, Iowa and Burlington, Ontario.

The Mime Team went to Iowa to work with US-2 missionaries, Mark and Tammie Worsham, graduates of BMC. Another team went to Burlington, Ontario to work with missionaries, Jim and Mary Bullis and the Highland Baptist Chapel. This team did puppet shows in condominiums, helped with a Sunday school enrollment campaign, and worked with the church. The Iowa team was made up of eight people, and the Canada team of ten.

The Leadership Training Conference, state BSU meeting at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly was attended by 21 BMC students. At this conference, Anne Harrington, a senior at BMC, was elected as the state BSU president, and student summer missionaries were commissioned at the Leadership Training Conference. The BSU Jubilation featured Faye Burgess, concert vocalist and pianist from Nashville, TN. More than 600 young people came to BMC for this special event.

World Hunger Week on campus was held in April, and students gave \$200 for a world hunger project through the Foreign Mission Board. The new BSU council was also installed for 1982-83.

May saw the BSU president and vice president at the summer training program for BSU leaders, sponsored by National Student Ministries, a department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The BSU Student Missions goal for 1981-82 was \$7000, and BMC students gave or raised \$7046.94 for student missions.



At Clarke, freshmen, sophomore, and upper division students work in an environment where small classes and personal attention help to create an environment conducive to learning.

Clarke plans week's activities

Clarke College officially gets underway at 10 a.m. on August 21 when new and transfer students arrive in Newton. Students and parents will be greeted by dorm resident advisors and refreshments will be served in both dormitories.

After lunch, orientation for new students will begin and continue until 4 p.m. After dinner there will be a faculty-student get together in the cafeteria. Devotions will be held in each dormitory at 11 p.m.

On Sunday local churches will furnish transportation and special classes for college students. Following lunch, returning students will move into the resident halls. Afternoon activities include softball games and a cookout. An evening worship service will be held on the lawn behind the cafeteria.

Following Morning Watch and breakfast on Monday, orientation continues. All class advising will be done in preparation for registration on Tuesday. Monday night the Student Body Association is in charge of a campus wide social beginning at 8 p.m.

Registration will begin at 8:30 on Tuesday and continue throughout the day. At 8 p.m. the Baptist Student Union will sponsor a special entertainment event.

Regular classes start on Wednesday.

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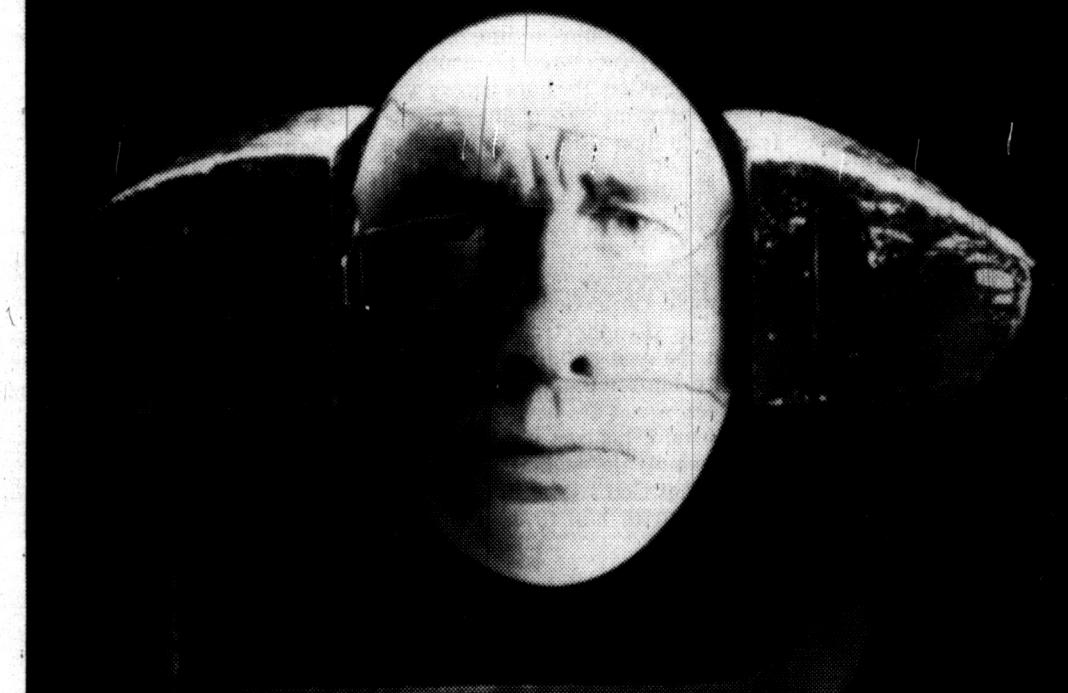
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BGCT plans aid for DBC

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The board's action is contingent on an offer of \$3 million in endowment from anonymous donors. Also, the proposal to the board was "in consideration" of a \$1 million pledge to Dallas Baptist College from Mary Crowley of Dallas, founder of Home Interiors.

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Revival Dates

Northward Church, Gulfport: Aug. 22-29. Paul Vandercook, preaching; Jimmy Richardson, music director; Durwood Broughton, pastor.

Calvary, Silver Creek (Lawrence): Aug. 15-20, beginning with homecoming; Sunday services at 11 and 7 with dinner on the ground at noon; weekday services at 7 p.m.; Dan Finley, pastor; Bethel Church; Pearl River County, evangelist; Rick West, minister of music and youth at Calvary, music director; Garry L. Breland, pastor.

Jayess (Lawrence): Aug. 15-20, Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11 and 7; lunch at noon (no afternoon service that day); services weekdays at 7:30 p.m.; Jim Nolls of Selma, Ala., evangelist; Lane Harris, pastor.

New Haven, Terry: Aug. 15-20; Carlton McNeer of Magnolia, evangelist; Richard Cothorn of Clinton, song leader; Anita Chennault, pianist; Bill Watson, pastor.

Ridgecrest, Hattiesburg: Aug. 22-27, 7:30 each evening; Richard Miley of Richburg Church, evangelist; Ford Broome of Ridgecrest, music leader; Maye Lundquist, pianist; Linda Tibo, organist; dinner on the ground noon on Aug. 22; Odell Tibo, pastor.

Locust Street, McComb: Aug. 22-27; services Sunday at 11 and 1 with dinner at church; weekdays at 7:30 p.m.; Dennis Johnsey, First, Summit, evangelist; Hubert Greer, Bogue Chitto, music leader; Thomas Wicker, pastor.

Rome: Aug. 22-25; services nightly at 7:30; Arthur Middleton, associate minister, First, Amory, evangelist; Linda Middleton, music director; David Howell, pastor.

Oak Grove (Holmes): Aug. 22-27; Johnnie Parks, Bowlin, Attala County, evangelist; services at 7:30 each night; Bob Woods, pastor.

East Lincoln Church (Lincoln): Aug. 23-27; 7 p.m.; Mike Ramage, pastor, Fair River, evangelist; music led by Clayton Hart, pastor, Little Bahala; James C. Harris, pastor.

Crestview, Petal: Aug. 15-22; Millard Box, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, Jr., minister of music; Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m.; Mon.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; C. R. Parkin, pastor.

Short Creek (Yazoo): Aug. 22-29; evening service at 7:30; George Smith, pastor, Carrollton Church, evangelist; Art Slatten, pastor.

Bible Book

Affirmation of faith

By Gene Henderson, pastor
Fairview, Columbus
Psalm 27

After the pastor concluded his prayer for the patient in CCU during which Psalm 27:1 was quoted, the patient responded, "Pastor, I was not afraid." In reply the pastor said, "I'm glad you were not, but there are times when it is good to affirm our faith." Psalms 23, 27, 62 and 63 offer strong affirmations of faith. Psalm 27, the focus passage, has two distinct divisions.

I. Confidence regarding deliverance (27:1-6)

Unshakeable trust in God's protection is expressed in 27:1-3. "Light," "salvation," and "strength" suggest that against the forces of darkness, which threatened the psalmist, he was confident of his enemies defeat and his own defense. Therefore he had nothing to fear. These forces of darkness could be slanderous, falsewitnesses (62:3-4) or "a valley of shadowy places" (23:4). Even if the enemy was like a pack of ravenous animals (27:2) or an entire army (27:3), the psalmist declared his confidence in their defeat and his defense. Compare 63:9-11 where the writer also expresses confidence in the defeat of the enemy.

God's presence inspired confidence and faith in the psalmist (27:4-6). The best antidote to fear and the greatest security is the presence and protection of God. Therefore, the psalmist placed a priority on seeking God's presence (27:4; 62:1-2, 5-6). Note the emphasis on "one thing" and "only." Terms such as a "house of the Lord," "temple," "tabernacle," "tent" are references to fellowship with God. If the psalmist seems preoccupied with God's person and dwelling, it is because it is the "one thing" priority he has chosen. God is a refuge and strength to those who trust him and seek him (62:7-8). God will not only protect him, but also will position him above the enemy insuring victory (27:5-6). The sacrifice of jubilant praise offered in worship is prompted by the confident assurance in God's presence (27:6).

II. Confession regarding doubt (27:7-14)

An abrupt change of tone is obvious in the second division of the Psalm. Some scholars suspect two Psalms have been combined. However, is it not possible in times of extreme joy and assurance also to have feelings of uncertainty and doubt lurking in the background? Who cannot confess like the father in Mk. 9:24, "I do believe; help me in my unbelief!" In 27:7-14 the psalmist reaffirms his faith with

prayer and patience.

Prayer is a God appointed means of drawing close to him in time of need. The psalmist countered his doubt by crying out to God. Perhaps his cry was uttered following long nights of sleepless meditation (63:6-8). He recalled God's word (27:8). He affirmed that his one priority was to seek God's presence. He pleaded that God would be accessible. Perhaps he feared that some disobedience or neglect on his part would cause God to turn away. Yet, he recalled that God had been his help in the past (27:9; 63:7), and affirmed to himself that God who had bid him seek would not forsake. Indeed; even if his own parents should forsake him, the psalmist was convinced that God's love and presence would be with him to bear him up (27:10).

The prayer is continued with the petition that God will guide and protect (27:10-17). The psalmist felt that the safest place was on the path that God had planned for him. He prayed for a "level path" free from pitfalls and ambush. His prayer was not for comfort but safety. "Level path" has the moral connotation of right or straight. He knew that his enemy was lying in wait for the slightest slip that could be exploited (27:11). His petition was for God to deliver him from those determined to injure him by their lies and slander (27:12; cf. 62:3-4, 63:11).

Prayer requires patience. Those who put their trust in the Lord must also wait upon the Lord. Sometimes that can be the hardest part of prayer. The psalmist declared his faith, but counseled himself to exercise patient waiting (27:13-14). Verse 13 is a tremendous testimony of faith. The psalmist had faced his doubt. He also had reaffirmed his faith. He expected God to deliver him. Reference to "land of the living" points to deliverance in his present life on earth. Translations vary on verse 13 but all emphasize the faith of the psalmist.

In the final verse the psalmist exhorted himself to wait upon the Lord. "Your" heart is singular. His faith had rebuked his doubt. But the deliverance was still future. He must wait for God's timetable.

Faith untested is seldom affirmed. In times of testing God's protection is assured in God's presence. When God's presence seems remote, prayer and patience are the keys to remember. Recall God's word and work in times past, then by faith believe for the future and wait upon God. Whatever his will, it is worth waiting for.

Devotional

What are we saying?

By Gary Knapp, pastor, Griffith Memorial, Jackson

Amos 8:4-7

Several years ago I met an individual who made one of the most effective statements about worship I have ever witnessed; that is, with the exception of that made by those who never attend.

She sang in the choir when she attended; but she would leave after the choir sang the anthem, making quite a scene of her departure and disrupting the service. Naturally, this concerned me, but when I began to inquire, those who knew her assured me it was for the best, for if she saw fit to stay for the rest of the service, she would be the source of endless distractions with her loud, heavy sighing and noisy, cellophane candy wrappers. Though she did not express it verbally, she made a powerful statement of her feelings regarding the relevance of worship.

Before we condemn her, let us be sure of what we are saying about worship. Maybe we are not as obnoxious as she, but the question which most often concerns us during worship may be, "When will this be over so I can do what I really want to do?"

Such an attitude is subtly betrayed when there is marked preference for worship leaders who best resemble entertainers and who require minimal congregational participation. Kierkegaard utilizes a theatrical model to correct any misconception. He correctly assesses our view of God as prompter, preacher as actor, and congregation as audience and proposes significant modifications. Accordingly, God is audience, the preacher is the prompter, and the congregation is the actor.

Closely related is the suspicion of anything resembling "formalism," such as planned worship or written prayers, unmistakably identified by the quoting of prof texts to support casual worship which is regarded as more "spirit-led and heartfelt."

The insistence upon "simplicity" may disguise a resistance to invest the preparation necessary to worship God the way he deserves to be worshipped.

Equally significant is the evaluation of worship on the basis of its ability to generate catharsis or an emotional high. The bottom line is then, "Does it make me feel better?" While there is nothing inherently wrong with this expectation, there is a potential danger when it becomes primary, for the object of worship is not personal enjoyment or benefit. It should be remembered that the experience of worship is often characterized as terrifying in the Bible.

Whatever the case, we are saying something about worship, and whatever we are saying about worship is a reliable indicator of what we really believe about God.

Oktibbeha, Leake work together to build Mt. Zion Indian Church

Work forces from two associations are to be at Mt. Zion Indian Church Aug. 21 to work on the new church building. Oktibbeha Association is sponsor and in seven workdays, the building is to be made ready for brick

layers and sheetrock men.

Men from Leake Association are to join the group Aug. 21 and the Mt. Zion church members will serve lunch. Olyn Roberts of Morgan Chapel Church, Sturgis, is coordinator.



RODNEY MAINELLI, pastor of New Salem Church, Carroll County, was ordained to the ministry July 18 by Holcomb Baptist Church, Grenada County. Mainelli, right, is being presented his ordination Bible by Marvin Childs, deacon at Holcomb and Mainelli's father-in-law. Durrell Edwards is Holcomb pastor.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

Aug. 22-28 Church Music Growth week (SBC Emphasis)
Aug. 23 MBC Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.; Board Meeting, 2 p.m.; Baptist Building
WMU Camp; FBC, Pontotoc; 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
Church Growth Conference; FBC, Philadelphia; 7-9 p.m. (SS & EVAN)
Aug. 24 WMU Camp; FBC, Pontotoc; 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m. and North Greenwood BC, Greenwood; 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
Church Growth Conference; FBC, Grenada; 7-9 p.m. (SS & EVAN)
Aug. 25 WMU Camp; North Greenwood BC, Greenwood; 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m. (WMU)
Aug. 26 Church Growth Conference; FBC, Holly Springs; 7-9 p.m. (SS & EVAN)
Aug. 28 Associational Officers Training; FBC, Carthage/ FBC, Columbia/FBC, Oxford; 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (PD)

Uniform

Timothy: Making of a Man

By Charles S. Davis, associate professor of Bible, MC

II Timothy 1:5; Acts 16:1-3;

I Thessalonians 3:1-8;

I Corinthians 4:14-17

A young boy had brought home from school a terrible report card. His father decided that some rather severe discipline was called for, so he told the lad to get ready for the "board" of education. As he was about to bend over to receive his spanking, the boy turned to his father and asked, "Dad, what do you think caused my bad report — heredity or environment?" The father, undeterred, administered the first lick and calmly replied, "There is a third factor, you know — personal choice."

Yes, there are many factors which have contributed to making all of us what we are. Let us look at some of the factors which helped Timothy to become Paul's most trusted friend and companion — his family heritage, the confidence placed in him by Paul, and the profit which came from both his successes and his failures.

I. Heritage of a faithful family (II Timothy 1:5)

I sometimes tell my students that the best way they can insure their success in life is to choose good grandparents. Of course, we all know that the choice is not made in exactly that order, but we all do recognize the tremendous benefits of being reared in a Christian home.

When the aged apostle Paul wrote his last letter, he reminded Timothy of the great and godly heritage which was his. The faith which Paul had observed in Timothy he had seen first in his grandmother Lois and in his mother Eunice.

II. Confidence of a father in the faith (Acts 16:13)

On more than one occasion Paul called Timothy his "son in the faith" (I Corinthians 4:17; I Timothy 1:2). Perhaps his own father was dead, or at least not religious. The young teenager Timothy probably idolized Paul from the days of the first missionary journey when he saw Paul heal the crippled man at Lystra and when he saw Paul come back from being stoned and left for dead (Acts 14:8-19).

Paul invited Timothy to accompany him and Silas on their mission and Timothy eagerly accepted. Paul had Timothy circumcised; probably this was Paul's way of "becoming all things to all men in order to save some" (I Corinthians 9:20-22). Paul wanted Timothy's ministry among the Jews to be successful, and his circumcision would help. Certainly, Paul wanted his will, it is worth waiting for.

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not feel he was compromising the truth in so doing.

The confidence which Paul placed in his "son" Timothy led to his becoming Paul's troubleshooter. Indeed, Timothy became such a trusted fellow worker that some scholars have suggested that Paul saw in Timothy his successor when he had to lay down his work.

III. Success of a first foray (I Thessalonians 3:1-8)

Paul was greatly concerned about the fate of the church in Thessalonica, because he had been forced to leave town in a hurry (Acts 17:10). He had wanted to stay longer and teach the people, but Jewish opposition prevented his doing so.

Not long after he had joined the team, Paul sent Timothy back to Thessalonica to strengthen and encourage the church. Paul was fearful that Gentile persecution and Jewish flattery would have a bad effect on the Thessalonians.

But Timothy was apparently successful on his first trouble-shooting mission for Paul. He helped the struggling Thessalonians, observed carefully both their strengths and their weaknesses, and reported his findings to Paul at Corinth. Both Paul and Timothy were greatly strengthened for the difficult days ahead by the success of Timothy's first solo mission.

IV. Redemption of a failure (I Corinthians 4:14-17)

Paul's relationship with the church at Corinth was a stormy one, for they almost rejected his leadership. He had already written a "previous letter" when he sent Timothy to Corinth on another troubleshooting mission. How they behaved toward Timothy and how they received Paul's admonition would determine whether Paul would come to Corinth in gentleness and love or, as their spiritual father, in discipline.

Apparently Timothy's mission was unsuccessful, for after he returned Paul had to make a "painful" visit to Corinth (II Corinthians 2:1). Though the failure of his mission may have been more the "Corinthians'" than Timothy's, he was able with Paul's help to redeem the failure. He became the leader of the church at Ephesus (I Timothy 1:3). Paul's faithful and trusted companion to the end of Paul's life, and one of the outstanding figures in early church history.

Where mercy, love, and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too.—William Blake

Homecomings

First, Yazoo City: Aug. 22; James Yates, pastor; preaches at 11 a.m.; services highlights Yates' 21st year as pastor; dinner on ground at noon; at 7 p.m., R. L. and Beth Sigrest bring sacred music concert.

New Haven, Terry: Aug. 22; former pastor Joe Hasson, now of Westview Church, Jackson, will speak; dinner on noon, Gospel Travelers Quartet at 1:30; Bill Watson, pastor.

Oakhill, Poplarville: Aug. 22, 10 a.m.; Morrell Lee, pastor of Calvary, McMinnville, Tenn., evangelist; noon dinner with old fashioned sing; afternoon service; no evening service; marks beginning of revival, Aug. 22-27; John Graeter, pastor.

Ethel: Aug. 15; message by Reed Dicken, Jr., a former member and now pastor of the church; dinner was served at noon; Jimmy Sledge, minister of music at Ethel directed an afternoon singing; "The Fundamentals" of Philadelphia presented special music.

Short Creek (Yazoo): Aug. 29; dinner on the ground; Art Slatten, pastor.

Bond Church near Philadelphia: homecoming; Aug. 29; Reginald Stokes, pastor, First, Pleasant Grove, Ala., speaker at 11 a.m.; dinner at the church; church history reading in afternoon, plus recognition of guests and former pastors and special music by the Believers.

South Louisville, Louisville: Old Fashioned Day celebrated homecoming and 33rd birthday, Sunday, Aug. 15; dinner on the ground, "Brush Arbor Meeting" presented by adult choir. This was high attendance day. Evening service college and career ensemble from First, Ridgeland, Danny Brock, director, brought special music; Gary Rivers, pastor.

Emmanuel notes thirty years

Emmanuel Church, Laurel, will celebrate homecoming, Aug. 22, beginning with Sunday School at 10.

Riehard Sowards of Porter, Ind., former pastor of Emmanuel, will bring the morning message at 11. Sowards and his family, "The Sowards of the Lord," will present special music that afternoon at 2, following a covered dish lunch.

Raymond R. Gordon of Laurel, first preacher ordained by Emmanuel, will conclude the day's services with the afternoon message.

Leroy O. Craven is pastor.

Revival Results

First, Stonewall: 102 decisions including 23 professions of faith, and one addition by letter; Perry Neal, evangelist, Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, music evangelist; Albert McMullen, pastor.

Unusual reunion at MC

By Bill Moseley,

Missionary, Brazil

There is nothing unusual about two former classmates meeting together at their alma mater. However, for two former Mississippi College classmates, such a meeting will be very unusual.

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